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| iPad Network Meeting | | | | |
| Minutes | | 5/14/12 | 1:00 PM | BCIU Main Office building |
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| Facilitator | Jeff Rothenberger | | | |
| Note taker | Lauren Mayer | | | |
| Attendees | Cindy Meyer, Erik Bowerts, Beth Bosold, Jane Fawcett, Matthew Mierzejewski, Dennis Rowle, Tom DeAngelo, Rob Lipton, Kevin Addreyo, Marcelle McGhee, Jeff Rothenberger | | | |

**Agenda Topics**

* **Define the Purpose for Meeting**

Many districts looking at using iPads and like technologies making it useful to get together to discuss ideas and suggestions for implementation, apps, deployment, and professional development.

* **Topics for Future Meetings**

1. Helpful Apps
2. Implementation
3. Where do districts want to go with replacement?-money limitations
4. Curricular applications
5. Supporting Tablets and Equipment
6. Directions to go with Tablets
7. Integration of iPads in the Classroom
8. Challenges of Implementation

* **BCIU’s Experience with the Alsace Project**
* The BCIU gave students and teachers iPads and brought trainers in to help them learn to use the iPad.
* Before giving the iPads to students the BCIU had meetings with IT, Administrators, and Staff at Alsace every two weeks
* It was important the group was from all different departments because each had different concerns and solutions.
* Katie Adams-implemented the iPad in her classroom effectively, she changed the direction of her classroom by creating her own textbooks with iBook and homework using the iPad
* Currently looking at content creation.
* Kathy, the principal at Alsace, has been great with following-up with students when devices were used inappropriately-students lost the use of the iPads for periods of time she set a great example for classroom management.
* iPads have been in use since the 1st day of school and are used every day and to this day there have been no broken or damaged devices.
* IU currently manages 173 devices.

\*The BCIU can come in as a 3rd party to districts to help with implementation and support.

* **Deploying and Management Issues**

3 Issues Regarding Implementation

1. Administration-concerned about lawsuits with students accessing inappropriate while allowing teachers to teach and students to learn.

2. IT-concerned about network support and security.

3. Teachers-concerned about developing best instructional ways in the  
 classroom

Is the iPad the Right Tablet?

What kind of criteria should be used to evaluate and make that decision? How

do districts represented use tablets and what will it look like?

Implementing this effectively causes a paradigm shift in districts. More manufacturers are moving to a touch Interface ex: Windows 8 “Touch first” new advertisement. Thinking that laptops are the only thing we are going to use in the next 10 years is flawed.

* **Curriculum Concerns**

This technology is changing at lightning speed while the curriculum is staying the same. We have to analyze the ways of delivering curriculum to keep students engaged and learning at a pace that is relevant to their skills. Many teachers in districts are developing textbooks and interactive resources across the county. However, they cannot be called textbooks per-say. Teachers need to be kept up-to-date on apps and ideas in order to integrate technology effectively in the classroom.

* **What does this Group Need To Sustain Meetings?**

Topics

* Curricular
* Technical
* Administrative
* Apps

The group would also like to use this time as showcase new apps and instructional

changes.

* **Apps Discussed**
* Cloud-FREE

Productivity app works with Microsoft formatted documents, good for administrators because it’s a robust version of Office. Synchs with Dropbox automatically.

* iTunes U-FREE

Content creation app complete online free course, teachers create and upload materials.

* EPub

Create docs, books, pdf materials. Students can highlight and make notes and then turn them into a study guide. This format also supports text-to-speech capabilities and word definitions.

* iBook Author

Works and looks similar to the Pages (Mac software) to create books and materials that can be embed, including Keynote, videos, and pictures.

\*CK12.org offers common core correlated content materials created by a group of

educators tired of book companies high prices.

* **iPad Concerns**
* Printing

No need to print because of things like Dropbox and shared folders. At Alsace it was initially thought to be a concern but IT said no printing and it has not been an issue. For some this is a culture shift and the students and teachers have learned to adapt.

* Security of Information and Documents.

Districts need a more secure way to work collaboratively so they satisfies FERPA and CIPA regulations. Concerns with storing documents with a 3rd party were discussed.

* Student Email Accounts – Almost a certainty that student email accounts will be needed.
* **Future Meetings**

The group has decided it is necessary to meet throughout the summer because iPad implementation is inevitable and coming at lightning speed.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 19th 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm BCIU Main Office Building Room 126AB-Registration on MLP, Kathy and Katie from Alsace will be presenting their perspective of the program from an administrator view and teacher view.